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In re application of :  
Tomoyuki HAGA et al. : Docket No. 2005\_0126A  
Serial No. 10/523,194 :  
Filed January 27, 2005 :

MUTUAL RATING SYSTEM, AND  
TERMINAL DEVICE AND PROGRAM FOR  
USE IN SAME SYSTEM

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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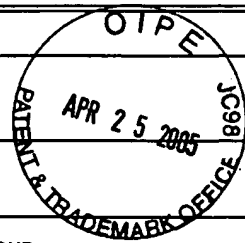
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